

Amendments to the Claims: This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. - 14. (Cancelled)

15. (New) A method for testing blood during the preparation and performance of bedside-tests, wherein the method comprises:

first, testing blood from a blood bag by using a first test unit of a test element;

subsequently, fixing the test element at the blood bag; and

thereafter, testing blood from a recipient by using a second test unit of the test element.

16. (New) A method according to claim 15 further comprising after the testing of the bag blood and obtaining a first result and after the testing of the recipient blood and obtaining a second result, comparing the first and second test results.

17. (New) A test element for carrying out the method according to claim 15, wherein the test element comprises at least a first test unit and a second test unit for performing at least two tests, and

the test element comprises a fixing means for fixing the test element at the blood bag.

18. (New) The test element according to claim 17 in which the fixing means is a bonding foil.

19. (New) The test element according to claim 17 in which the fixing means is provided as a cable tie.

20. (New) The test element according to claim 17 in which at least one of the first and second test units is formed in such a way that, after the performance of the tests, no fluid emerges.

21. (New) The test element according to claim 17 in which by means of one of the at least first and second test units, bag blood for blood transfusions is tested.

22. (New) The test element according to claim 21, wherein the first test unit for bag blood comprises at least three test chambers or test fields.

23 (New) The test element according to claim 22, wherein three of the at least three test chambers or test fields respectively comprise anti-A, anti-B, and anti-D reagents.

24. (New) The test element according to claim 17 in which by means of the second test unit, the blood of a recipient of a blood transfusion is tested.

25. (New) The test element according to claim 24, wherein the second test unit for the blood of a recipient comprises at least two test chambers or test fields.

26. (New) The test element according to claim 25, wherein two of the at least two test chambers or test fields respectively contain anti-A and anti-B reagents.

27. (New) The test element according to claim 17, wherein in at least one of the first and second test units, a test result is maintained for at least 45 days.

28. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the testing of blood from the blood bag occurs in the hospital laboratory.

29. (New) The method according to claim 15, wherein the testing of blood from the recipient occurs at the bed of the patient.